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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to the initial examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please amend the Abstract of the Disclosure by rewriting same to read as follows:

--A method for recording digital data in accordance with the recording format, in which the type of a loaded recording medium is identified and on the basis of the result of the

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